



NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Decision Making for Initial Company Operations (NFA Course # F0457)

This course is designed to develop the decision making skills needed for Company Officers (DO's) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. As a Company Officer with the real possibility of being first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that they be able to make good management decisions that have favorable impact on the eventual outcome. In addition to a possible role as the initial incident commander (IC), the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the ICS organization. Co's need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position assigned, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

Primary Audience: Newly appointed Company Officers, firefighters who wish to become an officer.

Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction (NFA Course # F0635)

This course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. This course will give students the opportunity to explore programs from communities across the United States that have been showcased at Vision 20/20 symposiums. These programs demonstrate what nationally recognized organizations identify as examples of "best practices" in community risk reduction.

There is a pre-course assignment which should take about one hour that you will receive upon enrollment.

Primary Audience:

- Fire and emergency services personnel who help develop and deliver fire prevention and community risk-reduction programs.
- Fire and emergency services staff with an interest in advancing risk-reduction efforts in their community.
- Allied health and community service personnel who help develop and deliver risk-reduction programs.

Residential Sprinkler Plan Review (NFA Course # F0142)

The scope of this course looks at the following as the primary guidance for the approval of residential sprinkler systems:

- National Fire Protection Association 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.
- NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes.
- NFPA 13R, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies.
- International Residential Code Standard P2904.
- Manufacturer's Data Sheets.
- The ability to read and interpret the design is an essential element of preventive fire safety.

Primary Audience:

This course is appropriate for building and fire code officials whose responsibility it is to review and approve residential sprinkler plans. Such officials include fire inspectors, fire marshals, and building code inspectors with at least one year of experience on the job. The audience should have an understanding of the history of water-based fire protection systems and methods used to verify hydraulic calculation.

Registration

To register by mail or fax, please complete the [National Fire Academy Application](#) (front page only) and mail to: Registrar, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, P.O. Box 1025, State Road, Stow, MA 01775 or fax it to: (978) 567-3229. To register by email, please scan and email applications to mfa.registration@state.ma.us.



Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction (NFA Course # F0636)

This course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges that fire departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments, community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. This course will show you how community risk reduction can help you and your department become more of a community player in times of decreased budgets.

This course includes three units of instruction:

- Unit 1: Components of Community Risk Reduction.
- Unit 2: Community Risk Reduction as a Service Priority.
- Unit 3: Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction.

There is a pre-course assignment which should take about one hour that you will receive upon enrollment.

Primary Audience:

- Fire and emergency services personnel who want to learn about community risk reduction.
- Fire and emergency services personnel who are currently involved with fire prevention and have an interest in advancing risk-reduction efforts in their community.

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<i>Decision Making for Initial Company Operations</i> Course Code: NFA Course # F0457 Date: September 14 & 15, 2016 Application Date: July 29, 2016	Time: 0800-1700 Location: Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA - Link
<i>Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction</i> Course Code: NFA Course # F0635 Date: November 1 & 2, 2016 Application Date: September 15, 2016	Time: 0800-1700 Location: Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA - Link
<i>Residential Sprinkler Plan Review</i> Course Code: NFA Course # F0142 Date: November 17 & 18, 2016 Application Date: October 1, 2016	Time: 0800-1700 Location: Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA – Rm 117
<i>Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction</i> Course Code: NFA Course # F0636 Date: December 6 & 7, 2016 Application Date: October 20, 2016	Time: 0800-1700 Location: Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA - Link

The required application is the FEMA General Admissions Application Short Form (FEMA Form 119-25-2) which can be found at: http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/ff_119_25_2_75_5a.pdf. The application CANNOT be submitted online.

Please mail or fax your completed application (front page only) to: Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, One State Road, Stow, MA 01775 or (978)567-3229 (needs to include the head of the organization signature) no later than the deadlines indicated for the particular class if noted.

It is required that you register for a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID). This is the number required for section 6 of the application form (no longer using Social Security Numbers) and is obtained through the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). To obtain a SID:

1. Register at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
2. Select "Need a FEMA SID?" on the right side of the screen.
3. Follow the instructions to create your account.
4. You will receive an email with your SID. Save this number in a secure location.

Also, note that any correspondence and certificates are sent via email, please include a valid email.

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